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Application of: HE et al.

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Title: Interleukin-1  $\beta$  Converting Enzyme Like Apoptosis Protease-3 and -4

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Harry  
Feb. 9, 02

In response to the Office Communication dated January 15, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the provisional election, traverse, amendment and remarks below. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Fee Transmittal, with appropriate fee(s). Please amend the application as follows:

*In the claims:*

Please cancel claims 10-11, 18, 20, 42, 69, 96, 123, 150 and 177.